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UN - HAJEK RETURNING TO PRAGUE

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CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIRI HAJEK PAID HIS FAREWELL VISITS
TUESDAY EVENING TO SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT, RUMANIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER CORNELIU MANESCU AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL, JOAO AUGUST DE ARAUJO CASTRO OF BRAZIL.

LATER, HAJEK TOLD NEWSMEN THAT HE WAS RETURNING TO PRAGUE
TUESDAY NIGHT. HE DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER HE WOULD GO VIA BELGRADE,
WHERE HIS WIFE WAS PRESUMED TO BE STILL VACATIONING, OR ANY OTHER
POINT IN EUROPE.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID "IT ALL DEPENDS ON CONNECTIONS, BUT
EVENTUALLY I'LL GO TO PRAGUE."

THE FOREIGN MINISTER MADE HIS FAREWELL CALLS IN THE COMPANY OF
THE CZECHOSLOVAK CHARGE D'AFFAIRS JAN MUZIK.

HAJEK INDICATED, BUT DID NOT SAY FLATLY TO NEWSMEN, THAT HE
HAD ASKED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA BE
DROPPED, AS DEMANDED IN THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE OF THE SOVIET AND
CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERS.

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